(vii) Efforts for promoting oil palm plantation and processing.

(viii) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseed.

(ix) Fiscal incentives in the form of excise rebate for use of certain non-conventional oils in the vanaspati so as to encourage increased exploitation of these sources of oils.

*[English]*

**National Small Industries Corporation**

3111. SHRI V. N. SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the grave irregularities administrative as well as financial— in the National Small Industries Corporation :

(b) if so, the details thereof :

(c) the corrective measures taken and the results thereof :

(d) the number of cases for recovery of dues of National Small Industries Corporation from various industries under litigation and the details of those cases :

(e) the names of the defaulter industries who are yet to make payment to the NSIC and the amount outstanding against each : and

(f) the steps taken to recover the dues ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) to (c) Some complaints regarding irregularities in the National Small Industries Corporation Limited have been received and these are being looked into.

(d) According to NSIC, it has supplied 62711 machines of the value of Rs. 346.70 Crores under its Hire Purchase Scheme. Out of this an amount of Rs. 228.65 Crores has fallen due and Corporation has recovered Rs. 202.08 Crores leaving a balance of Rs. 26.57 Crores as Sundry Debtors till 31st March, 1991. The number of units who have defaulted in timely payments is 6827. Out of this the Corporation has initiated legal action against 925 units and have obtained decree in its favour in about 230 cases. In addition to this number of cases have been settled out of court. Thus, the total cases under litigation are about 520 and the total claim under litigation is Rs. 7.50 Crores.

(e) Since the Corporation operates through six Regional Offices and 14 Branch Offices the details of defaulter industries are not maintained centrally.

(f) The Corporation has set system of recovery of dues. The targets of recovery are fixed for the field offices of the Corporation and field staff persuades the hirers to pay the instalments in time. Rebate is also given for timely re-payment of the instalments.

*[Translation]*

**Supply of Wheat and Sugar to Rajasthan**

3112. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has requested for alloca-

tion of more quantity of Wheat and Sugar on the basis of the present population in the State : and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) The allocation of Wheat to the various States/UTs for Public Distribution System from the Central Pool is not made on the basis of population and no request for making/increasing the allocation to Rajasthan on this basis has been received from that Government.

As regards sugar a request for increase in the monthly allocation of Levy sugar on the basis of increase in population was received from the Government of Rajasthan on 22-12-1990. Keeping in view limited availability of Levy sugar, it is not possible to revise the existing basis for allocation of Levy sugar. Government has, however, allowed adhoc increase of 5% in the Levy allocations to all States from August, 1991 to December, 1991.

**Complaints Regarding Storage in FCI Godowns**

3113. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of various foodgrains available at present in the godowns of the Food Corporation of India and the quantity thereof being kept in reserve ;

(b) the number of complaints received regarding rotting, pilferage, irregularity in storage, and about foodgrains having become unfit for human consumption in the various State godowns of the Food Corporation of India and the action being taken or proposed to the taken in the matter ;

(c) the measures taken to rush foodgrains immediately to the drought and famine affected areas :

(d) the amount spent on the maintenance of the FCI godowns : and

(e) the measures being taken to make the procedures of transportation of foodgrains to and from the godowns of the Food Corporation of India simple, speedy and effective ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) The quantity of foodgrains in Food Corporation of India's godowns as on 1-7-91 are at under :

(In million tonnes)

| | Wheat | Rice | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quantity of foodgrains available in FCI godowns | 5.57 | 8.99 | 14.56 |

In addition to the above stocks, 5.22 million tonnes of wheat is lying with State agencies in Punjab and Haryana regions on Central account. These quantities are meant both for, the operational as well as buffer stocks.

(b) The FCI has reported that no complaints about rotting of foodgrains in storage of FCI godowns have been received during the current year. In the present mode of handling, transportation and storage, inevitably some quantities of foodgrains get damaged and deteriorated due to